

AGN. NO. _____

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Thousands of disabled people in Los Angeles County are able to live in their communities because of the assistance they receive from homecare workers provided by the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program. IHSS provides critical care and support to the most vulnerable members of our society. In fact, many aged, blind, and disabled individuals enrolled in this program require daily assistance from their IHSS providers, without whom they would not be able to perform basic but essential functions of everyday life. Unfortunately, as reported by the Personal Assistance Services Council (PASC), when consumers with severe disabilities are temporarily deprived of assistance, many face immediate isolation and significant risk of illness and injury. These conditions often lead to costly emergency services, hospitalization and/or institutionalization.

In recognition of this problem, the Board in 2006 approved funding for the PASC Back-Up Attendant Pilot Program (BUAPP). In April, 2007, PASC began operating the BUAPP to provide emergency homecare attendants to our most vulnerable and severely disabled IHSS consumers.

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The BUAPP has been in operation for less than one year. In order to continue the support to our consumers while gathering outcomes data for the pilot's evaluation, it is essential that we continue this pilot. Extending the pilot will allow us to continue to fill gaps in service that may occur on short notice when the primary IHSS providers are not able to report to work.

The total cost to continue the BUAPP through June, 2009 will be \$13,000, partially offset by State and Federal Revenue, with a Net County Cost (NCC) of \$2,500. Once the BUAPP is evaluated, determination and recommendations will be made as to future plans for a back-up attendant program.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the continuation of the Back-up Attendant Pilot Program as a pilot program commencing April 18, 2008 through June 30, 2009, contingent upon the extension of the original PASC Agreement beyond June 30, 2008; and,
2. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to identify \$2,500 of NCC for the continuation of this pilot program; and,
3. Give the Director of the Department of Public Social Services delegated authority to prepare and execute an amendment to the original PASC Agreement to continue the Back-up Attendant Pilot Program from April 18, 2008 through June 30, 2009.